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E-Legislative Update

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Early this morning, a budget agreement was reached by the Legislature as well as the adjournment of a double overtime special session. The supplemental budget passed preserves critical programs, including education and many social safety net programs. Lawmakers also approved a \$1 billion capital budget package which creates as many as 22,000 new jobs.

The Senate's passed budget measure is now headed to the governor for her signature. The House had previously passed the negotiated agreement. The budget plan includes a \$238 million accounting maneuver in which the state would temporarily claim control of local sales taxes before they are redistributed back to jurisdictions. The budget also increases taxes, raising \$14.5 million by eliminating a tax deduction for some banks and bringing in approximately \$12 million by changing rules on roll-your-own cigarettes.

In the end, the budget includes \$635.7 million in reductions for the 2011-13 biennium; the total budget is decreased by \$466.4 million. The 2011-2013 biennium operating budget can be viewed [here](#).

You can find more information on the session by viewing past [e-legislative updates](#) on our website. These updates provide a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. For those community members seeking more information, our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature. Highlights from this week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

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Information is current as of: March 9, 2012.

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CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business,

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